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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our shelter in the time of storm, use our lawmakers to bring help to others, credit to themselves, and honor to You. Empower them to persevere through life's challenges, never forgetting that You continue to direct their destiny. Lord, guide them to be at peace with themselves, with others, and with You. May they strive to live for Your glory, knowing that though Your will may be hindered, it will ultimately prevail. Give them, and all of us who work with them, Your strength to endure and Your courage to triumph in what we attempt for the good of this land we love.

We ask this in Your righteous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 17, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. SHAHEEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in executive session to consider the nomination of Susan Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. There will be 2 hours of debate. A rollcall vote on confirmation of the Carney nomination will begin shortly after noon today. There is a celebration going on in the Rotunda, and we want to make sure it does not interfere with that. So we will hold the vote open to make sure any stragglers can vote.

Following the vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for our weekly caucus meetings.

At 2:15 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 940, the Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act, with 4 hours of debate. There will be a rollcall vote at approximately 6:15 p.m. this evening on the motion to proceed to the bill with a 60-vote threshold.

Additionally, the Senate will debate the motion to proceed to the Republican alternative to the Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act, which is S. 953, the Offshore Production and Safety Act. That will be tomorrow. There will be a rollcall vote on the motion to proceed to that bill tomorrow afternoon. That also will have a 60-vote threshold.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 1231

Mr. REID. Madam President, I am told that H.R. 1231 is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I would object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the

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